

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, the U.S. Air Force public affairs director speaks about the new Air Force symbol, Spangdahlem's 22nd Fighter Squadron and more.



News briefs

Court-martial

A general court-martial panel of five officers convicted a 52nd Fighter Wing airman Saturday of several offenses, including assault and battery, conspiracy and robbing a local bank.

Airman Kenyatta D. Jackson, assigned to the 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing the Herforst Raiffeisenbank of 35,000 DM at knife point on June 20.

Jackson pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiring to rob the bank with another military member and to an unrelated charge of assault and battery. The assault and battery charge stemmed from a fight at the Kastel discotheque involving German nationals in April.

The court-martial panel entered findings of guilty on both charges.

Jackson is sentenced to reduction to the rank of airman basic, forfeiture of all military pay and allowances, a dishonorable discharge from military service, and confinement for twelve years and four months.

The action becomes final upon the approval of the convening authority, Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess, 3rd Air Force commander.

Force protection

In a force protection initiative, a contractor will apply shatter resistant film to all windows in the Bitburg housing units. The project starts Monday in buildings 10 and 11. The project is expected to be completed in July.

Residents will be informed of when the contractor is scheduled to begin working in their buildings. An adult resident must be home during contractor hours to allow workers access to the unit. Call Airman 1st Class Nathan Jaworski at 453-6141 for details.

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Eifel Times

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Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Taking initiatives

Right to left, Senior Airman Michael Lockard, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions storage specialist, and Senior Master Sgt. Chuck Wilson, 52nd EMS assistant munitions flight chief, show Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, Air Force Chief of Safety, a missile mixed-load trailer Oct. 25. The trailer is a 52nd Logistics Group initiative and one-of-a-kind in that it holds all the missiles needed to fully load a F-16CJ fighter jet, rather than three trailers, which are traditionally used by Air Force munitions specialists.

Security forces compete at Lackland

Thirteen security forces teams from U.S. Air Force major commands worldwide and the British Royal Air Force Regiment are competing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for the 19th annual Defender Challenge security forces competition, which started Oct. 29 and runs through Saturday.

Four members of the 52nd Security Forces Squadron compete with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Defender Challenge team. Those representing the wing are Capt. Matthew Wadd, Staff Sgt. J.T. Hawk, who are competing for the second year in a row, and newcomers Senior Airman Armando Daniel and Airman 1st Class Gregory Littlejohn.

Defender Challenge 2000 pits "the best of the best" defenders in head-to-head team competition in the craft and

tools of their trade — physical fitness, weapons employment and tactics, said competition officials. The competition, which was first held as a marksmanship contest in 1952, was modified to an Olympics-style series of events in 1981 and has grown ever since.

Each major command holds a competition from defenders at its own bases to produce a single command team, which then trains and prepares for the worldwide Defender Challenge competition. Teams consist of eight primary members, a team captain, a coach and one alternate team member.

In Defender Challenge 2000, teams compete in:

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Residents should take steps to reduce lead content in water

Water samples recently collected from Spangdahlem base housing by the 52nd Aerospace Medical Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight contained levels of lead over the Environmental Protection Agency and Final Governing Standard-Germany action level for lead in water. Twenty five percent of 20 homes sampled had levels that exceeded this standard. Results of tests performed at Bitburg before the water system was turned over to German control were all below the action level.

Samples were "first catch" samples, meaning the water had sat in contact with household plumbing for six or more hours, according to Maj. Mark Smallwood, BEF

commander. First catch samples are required because the source of lead in drinking water is usually the household plumbing. Water sitting in contact with lead solder or brass fittings can potentially leach lead over time. Annual testing of water wells feeding Spangdahlem Air Base shows that the water is free of lead, so the logical source of lead is the plumbing or faucet fixtures in homes.

"The levels of lead we found in the drinking water are hazardous only when water is consumed over an extended period of time," Smallwood said. "However, when tests show that the level of lead in household water is above the action level it is advisable, especially if there are young children in the home, to reduce the lead

level in the tap water as much as possible."

Minimizing the amount of lead in water is as simple as letting your tap run to flush out stagnant water, Smallwood added.

"We've sampled water from the faucets after letting it run until reaching its coldest temperature. The results show that this is an extremely effective method for eliminating the higher concentrations of lead that occur when the water has not been run for several hours. Depending on how much water is being used in the building, this could be as short as five seconds or as long as two minutes," Smallwood said.

An additional precaution is to only use water from the cold tap for drinking,

cooking and especially for preparing baby formula. Hot water dissolves lead faster than cold water. Therefore, if lead is present in the plumbing, hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead.

Some commercially available water filters are 99 percent effective at removing lead from water, and may be used by residents who wish to achieve an additional measure of protection. The National Sanitation Foundation verifies the effectiveness of various brands of water filters at www.nsf.org.

Health authorities have recognized that

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Briefs

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Legal office closure

The legal office closes at 1 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. Wednesday for official functions. Walk-in legal assistance will be available from 9-10 a.m. only on Wednesday and resume again in the afternoon. For emergency service during the closures, call 452-6796.

Veterans' Day

A wreath-laying ceremony takes place at 10 a.m. Nov. 10 in the base memorial park.

Awards presentation

The personnel and training managers of the year award ceremony takes place at 2 p.m. Nov. 17 in the base officers' club. Call Staff Sgt. Ethan Allen at 452-5519 for more information.

Air Force Sergeants' Association

Chapter 1681 meets 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Spangdahlem communities center ballroom. Lunch is provided. Call Master Sgt. David Johnson at 453-3345.

Veterans' Day

The Spangdahlem and Bitburg commissaries close Nov. 10, Veterans' Day.

Speeding deterrence

The Eifel military community is reminded that German traffic violations are punishable under German law, not the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Therefore, German authorities retain exclusive jurisdiction to take the appropriate actions for speeding violations.

Also, according to USAFE regulations, speeders can be penalized 3-6 points for each violation. At 12 points, violators lose their base driving privileges. Call the 52nd Security Forces Squadron at 452-6666 for more information.

Driving lights

People should only drive with their fog lights on when weather conditions dictate the need. They should not be used when conditions are clear. Call the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety office at 452-7233 for details.

Bill payments

The government travel card offers a split disbursement feature allowing members to designate a specific dollar amount from the proceeds of a travel voucher to be sent directly to Bank of America to pay the GTC balance.

Members can also request interim monthly payments to be sent to Bank of America when on extended TDYs greater than 45 days.

To take advantage of this feature, check the split disbursement block and list the amount to be sent on the travel voucher.

Three major accidents cost drivers' vehicles, possibly driving privileges

By Tech. Sgt. Warren Moore
52nd Security Forces Squadron

There were three major accidents in the past week involving members of Team Eifel.

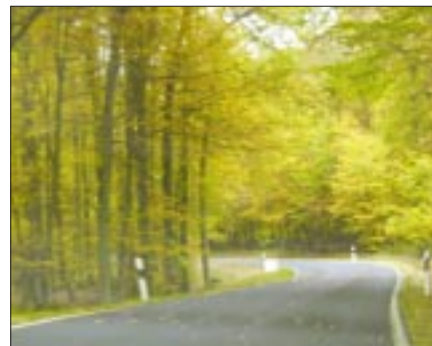
The first involved a borrowed 1990 Honda, which was driven too fast in the fog. The driver didn't see a stop sign in time to brake safely. When the driver hit the brakes, the car's wheels locked up and the vehicle slid through an intersection and ending up in a ditch. The car is considered a total loss.

The second accident involved a 2000 Volvo on the B-51 near Pruem. The driver of the Volvo swerved to the right trying to avoid an accident between a semi-tractor and a German-owned car. The driver was able to miss both the semi and the car, but was unable to avoid hitting a guardrail. The operator of the German car received leg and chest injuries from the accident with the semi and was transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus.

The third accident occurred on the B-50 near Albmuhle. Driving too fast for conditions and alcohol contributed to this accident involving a 1997 Oldsmobile. The driver lost control of the car while attempting to negotiate a corner. The car came to rest on its roof.

The driver was administered, and failed, a breath test by Polizei. The driver was taken to the Bitburg Krankenhaus where a German doctor administered a blood test. The driver was then released to security forces and apprehended for suspicion of drunken driving.

A hit and run accident may result in the loss of an American driver's license for two and one-half years. The



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Leaves changing colors during autumn in Germany may catch the eye, but wet and decaying leaves on the road can be slick and cause vehicle accidents. Drivers are advised to adjust driving speeds according to road and weather conditions to avoid dangerous driving situations.

American failed to report the accident.

In addition, there were nine minor accidents:

■ One accident was caused by "speed too fast for conditions."

■ Three accidents were in parking lots (dining hall, Bitburg BX, etc.).

Challenge

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■ Fitness Challenge — a physically demanding 1.1-mile run punctuated with 21 gut-wrenching obstacles. Four-man teams compete in the Fitness Challenge.

■ Pistol Competition — a fast-paced timed course of fire on a computer-driven firing range, which features pop-up and steel-plate targets, representing friend or foe, hostage, no-shoot and interactive targets.

■ Combat Rifle — a day and night, eight-person M-16 rifle marksmanship competition. During the night firing phase, defenders use night vision equipment to locate and engage pop-up targets.

■ Combat Weapons — a combined fire team field exercise. In this event, fire teams consisting of an M-16 rifleman, an M-60 machine gun team and an M-203 grenadier engage targets while traversing a cross-country field of fire. Each team engage targets up to 800 meters (2,900 feet) away while contending with rugged terrain

and booby traps.

■ Sadler Cup — a nighttime tactical exercise. This event, considered the toughest of Defender Challenge, requires teams to plan and execute a challenging tactical operation on short notice. Detailed planning, tactical know-how and strong leadership are necessary to successfully tackle this event. The event is named after Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler, a pioneer director of security forces.

■ Base Response — a new event that recognizes the dual-role mission of Air Force Security Forces, who are experts in both base defense and traditional policing skills.

■ Chief's Challenge — the only Defender Challenge event for individual competitors. This event features one individual from each team in a grueling, head-to-head obstacle course run. (Localized Air Force Print News article)

Lead

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even low-level exposures to lead can be a health risk, particularly to children under six and pregnant women. This is because lead can be harmful to the developing brain and nervous system.

Government officials strive to keep lead exposures as low as possible. This is evident in efforts made in recent years to eliminate leaded gasoline, lead in house paint and lead in plumbing solder. Similarly, the installation will be evaluating various measures to

reduce the amount of lead present in the drinking water.

Call the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 452-8348 for details. (The 52nd BEF contributed to this article)

A-10 squadron meets Al Jaber challenge

By Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Experience with Operation Allied Force and other European contingencies is proving valuable for Spangdahlem members deployed to Al Jaber, Kuwait, as part of Air Expeditionary Force 9.

"It's obvious they (Spangdahlem Air Base members) are professionals and have a lot of experience with contingency operations under NATO," said Col. Timothy B. Vigil, 332nd Expeditionary Group commander at Al Jaber. "They bring a different experience level from ACC (Air Combat Command) units."

The 120 members of the 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and 71 troops from various Spangdahlem AB units such as the 52nd Component Repair Squadron, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron and 52nd Supply Squadron, who deployed to Kuwait in August with twelve A-10 aircraft, are slated to return home in December.

Since arriving, "our folks have proven themselves more than ready," said Lt. Col. John Costa, 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander.

Despite their high experience level, Spangdahlem members still had to work hard to quickly get up to speed in the desert environment.

"There is a big difference between Spang and here," Costa said. "Spang is a training environment. Al Jaber is a contingency environment where you are extremely focused on a specific type of mission. We are here to do CSAR (combat search and rescue) and anti-armor (missions).

"The routine is not 'we need four days to prepare for something.' We do it in a day."

Getting into the groove of the fast-paced routine wasn't easy.

"The first couple of weeks were pretty hectic," said Master Sgt. Thomas Hoag, first sergeant for all the Spangdahlem members deployed to Al Jaber. "At first, we were working about 14 to 16 hours a day. Now, we're pretty much in a smooth period. We're actually off 12-hour shifts and have most people working about 10-hour shifts."

Spangdahlem members got a good feel of what the workload was like immediately after arriving. Hoag said some people didn't even make it through the in-processing line before they were out on the flightline to prepare for the next day's aircraft arrivals.

While operations are running smoothly now, Spangdahlem members still face challenges, the biggest of which is the heat. In addition to the effect of the heat on members themselves, there's been a big impact on the equipment.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Darrell Brewer

Airman 1st Class Kyle Truelson, 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron crew chief, helps Col. Timothy Vigil, 332nd Air Expeditionary Group commander, following a sortie in one of the 81st EFS's A-10s.

"The airplanes are designed to operate in lower temperatures," Costa said. "The higher the heat, the worse the airplane performs. We're operating right on the margins."

With winter quickly approaching, however, desert temperatures, while still high, are becoming a lot lower than the 130-plus degrees deployed members experienced when they first arrived.

"(One day recently) it was just below 100 degrees and when we were walking outside we were thinking it was a little bit nippy outside," Costa said. "It's going to be surprising to go back to Spang (where the temperatures are significantly lower)."

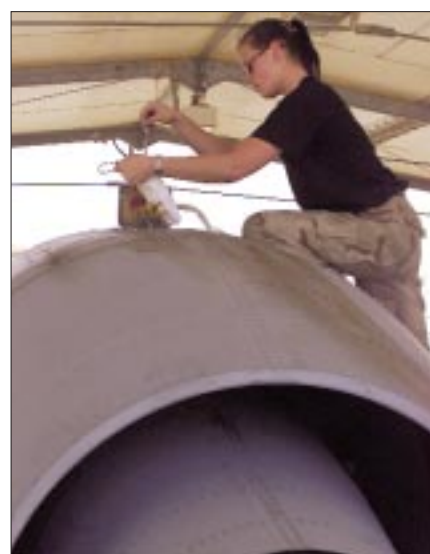
Despite the high temperatures and busy schedule, morale has been high, Costa said.

"They're focused," Costa said. "They're working hard, playing hard and enjoying themselves . . . not as much as they would back home, but they are enjoying themselves as much as the situation allows."

While there's no exact date for when Spangdahlem members will actually fly home, Costa said his goal is to try to get everyone home in early December.

"My job is to make sure everybody that came here goes back with us," Costa said. "There's light at the end of the tunnel and it's not just a train coming."

After returning home from the 90-day deployment, the 81st FS will be able to add another notch to its experience belt.



Airman 1st Class Chasity Davey takes an oil sample from an A-10.

'Letters from the Front' continue raising troop morale

WASHINGTON — The Defense Commissary Agency is once again teaming with the producers of a popular show touring U.S. military bases to ramp up support for a holiday letter writing campaign.

Producers of the show, "Letters from the Front: World War II," which has been touring overseas military bases for three years, came up with the idea of a letter-writing contest after their contact with American troops.

Organizers said they were, "struck by the feeling of loneliness and estrangement

expressed by many of those we met during our travels."

The contest runs through Nov. 11. Letters must be between 100 and 150 words long and begin with, "Dear Service Member, I just want to say thanks for . . ."

Official entry forms can be picked up from displays in commissary stores, and letters can be mailed or returned to the commissary displays.

Visit the contest Web site at www.letters-from-the-front.com/- (no hyphen) contest2.htm for information, complete rules and down-loadable entry

forms.

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: under 12, 12-18 and over 19. The two grand-prize winners under 19 will receive \$3,000 scholarships; the adult grand-prize winner will receive a \$3,000 computer system. Local prizes will also be awarded for winning entries returned through the commissaries.

After the contest ends, the letters are forwarded to U.S. servicemembers serving overseas.

American troops received thousands of letters in 1999 through the contest,

organizers said.

"My entire platoon . . . read your letter," wrote back one soldier from Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. "It changed our outlook and brightened our day."

A noncommissioned officer stationed on Korea's demilitarized zone wrote to the organizers and called the contest a good idea because, "not only does it lift a soldier's spirits . . . so far from home, but it gets the next generation to take an interest in the people defending their country." (American Forces Press Service)

Area Defense Counsel protects airmen rights

By Staff Sgt. Stacy Garnes
Area Defense Counsel

In the myriad of military acronyms, ADC is one every active-duty member should know because the Area Defense Counsel defends airmen facing military justice or other adverse actions.

Members accused of a crime or who are under investigation for misconduct should call the ADC for free, confidential legal-defense services. Air Force defense counsels strive to protect individual rights and ensure independent, aggressive representation of its servicemembers.

The ADC isn't a wing unit, but rather an independent office on base. Therefore, it's not subordinate to the base command nor the major command. This separate chain of command ensures ADCs are able to work for your best interests, without pressure from anyone on base.

Area Defense Counsel members handle a number of issues, including letters of reprimand, administrative separations, nonjudicial punishment and courts-martial.

Military members' rights are paramount to the ADC.



Staff Sgt. Stacy Garnes and Capt. Lauren Jones, base Area Defense Counsel, reference a law book for information for a case.

People suspected of committing crimes have the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney. Counsel members suggest the accused invoke these rights. Invoking either of these rights isn't an admission of guilt and can't be used

against the accused.

Remember, too, members assigned to the ADC are the only people in the Air Force, other than chaplains, who have an absolute privilege that protects confidential communications.

Area Defense Counsel attorneys are experienced, licensed members of at least one bar or association of lawyers from a particular state. In addition to being qualified as trial attorneys, ADC members are also certified to defend servicemembers' rights. With a background in both prosecution and defense work, counsel members often anticipate what a commander might do or what type of punishment the legal office might recommend in a given situation.

The Air Force was the first service to have a separate defense program, establishing the ADC program in 1974. In 1999, it celebrates its 25th year of confidential, independent representation. At Spangdahlem, the ADC represent hundreds of clients annually.

Active-duty members should call the ADC at 452-6607 when facing criminal or adverse actions or for more information about individual rights.

Fifty-five earn CCAF degrees

Two receive \$400 grants toward continuing education

Compiled by base education office

Two Community College of the Air Force graduates received \$400 Eagle Grant Awards from the Air Force Association during a graduation ceremony held on base Wednesday.

Staff Sgt. Todd Walls, 22nd Fighter Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Joseph Hart, 52nd Munitions Flight, were presented the grants, given by the AFA to encourage Air Force enlisted members to continue their education, said Capt. Jamie Maki, AFA chapter member.

The awards are endowed by the Aerospace Education Foundation through corporate contributions and donations from the AFA.

Fifty-three other Eifel members graduated during the ceremony.

The Fall 2000 CCAF graduating class:

Senior master sergeant
Ronald Lee

Master sergeants

Steven Alexander
Nicholas Boduch
David Bullard
Stephen Carey
Alan Cunningham
John Gunn
William Harner
Rodney Nearbin
Michael Southerland
Kelly Stark

Technical sergeants

Bruce Ayers II
Nora Byas
Henry Cummings
Stephen Dowd
Steven Frisch
Rodney Jeansonne

Sara Joyce

David Little

Robert Lovett

Ronald Luvisi

Thomas Moreno

David Nelson

Daniel North

David Richerson

Gregory Watt

Staff sergeants

Brent Baty

Arturo Broughton

Paul Downey

Thomas Farmer

Barbara Goodnough

Eydin Hansen

Richard Hladun

Ronald Juliana

Jeremy Krumholz

Edward McClanahan

Christopher Miller

Mark Mullen

Brian Myers

Tina Payne

William Perry

June Vogel

William Weir

Senior airmen

Donnie Brown

George Bruer

Michael Calloway

Michael Davault

Aeon Jones

Danny Robbins

Shannon Smith

Russell Thee

Carona Warner

Airman first class

Teressaann Newton

Child development center receives reaccreditation

By Carolyn Borkhuis
52nd Services Squadron
Marketing and Publicity

The Spangdahlem child development center recently received re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

This recognition has been achieved by about 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide — some 7,448 programs as of June 2000, serving 684,103 children.

"We're excited to continue this recognition along with other Air Force centers," said Yolanda Castro, center training and curriculum specialist. "Our staff works very hard. We're proud to say it's not just what happens for one day, as a quality program, we do this every day."

Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators and class-room observations.

They receive an on-site visit, conducted by early childhood professionals especially trained by the NAEYC, to validate their self-study results.

A team of national experts then independently reviews this information and either grants or defers accreditation. When awarded, accreditation is valid for three years.

"The heart of NAEYC accreditation focuses on the child's experience," said Laura Goldthwait, base CDC program director. "The process carefully considers all aspects of a program, including interactions with children and families, curriculum, health and safety, staffing, staff

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— Laura Goldthwait
Spangdahlem
CDC program director

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qualifications and development, administration, physical environment, nutrition and food service, and evaluation.

"The greatest emphasis is on the children's relationships with the staff and how the program helps each child grow and learn intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally," Goldthwait said.

Research supports the value of children using NAEYC accredited programs. Children's language and social skills especially benefit from the better quality found in these centers.

"These are critical areas for children's success in school as well as in life," Goldthwait said.

The Spangdahlem child development center is a part of the 52nd Services Squadron Family Member Support Flight. It serves 162 full-time children, ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years old and 24 part-day enrichment children.

The center continues to display the NAEYC torch — the sign of NAEYC accreditation and a sign of the center's commitment to child care excellence.



Community Mailbox

Singing telegram auditions

The community center seeks singers for a singing telegram service. Adult soloists who are serious about their ability to deliver a song from the heart with or without music are needed.

Call 452-7381 to set up an audition time or for more information.

School news

The Native-American dance group, "Morning Stars," performs 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Spangdahlem Middle School cafeteria.

Membership meeting

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the base community activities center. Those attending should bring a different dish, depending on the first letter of the last name. A-H bring side dishes, I-P bring salads and Q-Z bring dessert.

Call Lorrie Hoskins at 06565-942431 or Barbara Best at 06565-956887 to make reservations or for more information.

Family support center news

■Spouse's Day Out takes a trip to the Czech Republic Nov. 18. Call Angie Robinson at 453-7023 for details.

■A six-seminar series on improving family communication skills takes place at 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Nov. 13, 15, 28 and 30. Participants are encouraged to attend all six seminars.

■Sponsor training now takes place in building 307 each first and third Thursday of the month.

■Home buying seminars take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Nov. 28 in building 2001 on Bitburg.



Airman 1st Class Kimberlie Drews

Snow parade

Spangdahlem Air Base children enjoy a hay ride and wait for wing civil engineer and transportation squadron members to throw treats their way during the base's third annual snow parade Saturday. The event showcases wing snow removal equipment in preparation for winter.

■Military Family Week takes place Nov. 19-25. FSC activities include the Spangdahlem center serving cake and coffee during duty hours Nov. 20. The seminar, "Enjoy Europe Everyday," which offers traveling tips, takes place Nov. 20. Call for times.

■The Bitburg center open house takes place 2-7 p.m. Nov. 21. Activities include giveaways, face paintings and making holiday videos.

Call the Spangdahlem FSC 452-6143 or Bitburg at 453-7491 to register for classes or for details.

Naming contest

The Spangdahlem Chapel sponsors a naming and logo design contest for its three-wheeled vehicle. Submit designs and names to Chaplains (Majs.) Karl Wiersum or Patrick Ryan by Monday. Winners get a free dinner for four at the Simonbrau Restaurant

in Bitburg.

Call the Spangdahlem Chapel at 452-6711 for details.

Volunteers needed

■For the Air Force-level base talent show taking place at 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

■For the Holiday Mini-Bazaar taking place Dec. 1-3 in the Spangdahlem community center.

■For the Bitburg tree lighting ceremony and reception taking place at 6 p.m. Dec. 6.

■For the Spangdahlem parade, tree lighting ceremony and reception taking place at various times and locations Dec. 7.

To volunteer for any of these events, call Jake Jacobs at 452-7381.

Adopt-a-cop

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron accepts applications for students in 5th-8th

grade to participate in the adopt-a-cop program. The program is designed to enhance relations between security forces members and the community and subsequently prevent and curtail juvenile crimes.

Call Senior Airman Samson McCoy at 452-6120 for details.

Eifel Holiday Bazaar

The Eifel 2000 Holiday Bazaar takes place noon to 8 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. More than 100 European vendors sell their wares. Bazaar proceeds are donated to various base quality-of-life initiatives and local charitable organizations. The event is open to U.S. and NATO identification card holders.

Education center news

The University of Maryland offers two additional classes during its Term 2 schedule. Introduction to computer applications takes place Nov. 18 and 19; and introduction to Web page design takes place Dec. 2 and 3. Call 452-6637 or 0656561-6637 Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register.

Call the base education office 452-6063 for more information.

German-American friendship club

Members meet for dinner Nov. 19 at the Spang Club. Those interested in attending should meet in front of the pass and registration building outside the gate. Membership is not required to attend. The price for non-club members is \$16.95.

Call Gisela Traut at 452-6172 for time and other details.

Theme stamps

Breast cancer awareness stamps are available at base post offices. The stamps sell for 40 cents, with the extra seven cents going toward breast cancer research.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

Coyote Ugly (PG-13)

Velvet-voiced, 21-year-old Violet Sanford heads to New York to pursue her dream of becoming a songwriter. Her aspirations are sidelined by the notoriety she receives at her "day" job as a bar maid at Coyote Ugly, the hottest spot in town. The club features a team of sexy, enterprising young women who tantalize customers and the media alike with their outrageous antics.

Saturday

The Patriot (R)

It's 1776 and former hero of the French and Indian War Benjamin Martin has renounced fighting forever to raise his family in peace. But, rebellion is brewing. Another conflict, this time with England, is inevitable. With his South Carolina household threatened, Martin agrees to take up arms along side his patriot son and lead a brave rebel militia into battle to fight for a young nation's freedom.

Sunday

The Patriot

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Space Cowboys (PG-13)

Four top fighter pilots are brought back into service to assist NASA during a major satellite crisis. A damaged satellite unexpectedly enables them to get another chance to go into space — if they can pass the same physical and skill tests as the younger astronauts.

Thursday

Bless the Child (R)

Maggie's universe has no room for such vague concepts as good and evil. Her 6-year-old niece Cody is forcibly abducted. Cody is more than simply "special"; she manifests extraordinary powers that the forces of evil have waited centuries to control. Maggie takes on the forces of darkness in a battle for Cody's very soul.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Remember the Titans (PG)

When the local school board of Alexandria, Va. is forced to integrate its football team, they appoint Herman, a black man as head coach, demoting Bill, a white man to his assistant. However they work through their differences and shape a winning team.

Saturday

Remember the Titans

Sunday

Remember the Titans

Monday

The Replacements (PG-13)

A mismatched crew of outsiders gets a second chance at greatness when they are recruited to play pro football after the regular team goes on strike. As they amaze everyone with their winning streak, the ragtag group discovers in itself the ability to dream bigger.

Tuesday

Bless the Child

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Bundeswehr Big Band swings Trier

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

"Barmherzige Brueder von Maria Hilf," the hospital in Trier, celebrates its 150th anniversary by hosting the German Bundeswehr Big Band Wednesday.

The highlight, a welfare concert, takes place in the Trier Europa Halle. The professional military band, known as Europe's most popular big band, follows the Glenn Miller style.

Led by German Lt. Col. Robert Kuckertz since 1991, the band presently has 23 professional musicians, all of whom are all soloists.

From 1981-85, Kuckertz studied classical music in Duesseldorf. After finishing his studies, he temporarily lived in Los Angeles where he was a student of Leonard Bernstein.

Today the band is composed of five saxophone players, four trumpet players, four trombone players and a rhythm group.

When in Trier, the Bundeswehr Big Band entertains with a combination of swing, dixie, rock 'n' roll and popular music, all presented in a modern way during a high-tech show. Throughout the concert, all members of the group perform solos.

Another highlight of the evening features a solo performance by Clare Amakumbi, a 12-year professional musician.

All proceeds from the welfare concert go toward the "Association for Mutual Psychiatry of Rheinland-Pfalz."

While the regular ticket price to the concert is 25 DM per person, Spangdahlem's military and family members only pay 18 DM per person when



Courtesy photos

Bundeswehr Big Band brass blast swing, dixie and rock n' roll all in one show.

showing a valid ID card. For tickets, call Friedhelm Ackermann at 0651-2081280 or 0175-8136985, or via fax at 0651-2081299.

Winter holiday music

Another popular concert to attend is "Christmas Moments."

Thomas Schwab and his 24-person ensemble takes people through Christmas with a variety of classical and popular international music.

Performances in the local area take place Dec. 1 in the Wittlich Atrium hall; Dec. 9 in the Dreishalle in Dreis; Dec. 16 in the Bernkastel-Kues Moselland hall; Dec. 21 in the Trier Europa Halle; and Dec. 23 in the Bitburg-Edith-Stein hall.

Call Santana Musical Production at 06531-94404 or order via fax number at 06531-9446.



"Christmas Moments" features winter holiday musical favorites.



Out and about



■Enjoy a flamenco performance tonight at 8 in the Bitburg Haus Buda cultural center.

■For people who like horseback riding, call the Kranz Pferdeponen, or horse pension, at 06568-7193 to make an appointment. Ferien-ranch Klaes in Wiersdorf, near Bitburg, also offers horse-riding lessons for people of all ages. Call 06569-963720.

■Attend Trier's annual Mosel-Saar-Ruwer wine forum today through Sunday.

■Enjoy a Federweissen wine festival today through Sunday in Cochem.

■Visit a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Bitburg Flugplatz hall; inside and outside the Dreis hall; inside and outside the Mach-ern Kloster; in the center of Bernkastel-Kues; inside and outside the Hillesheim market hall; outside the Trier-Pallien FHS

school; and on Trier-West Hornstrasse.

■The annual PMC-Mittelmosele scale-model show and contest takes place Nov. 5 at the St. Bernhard Jugendheim in Wittlich. E-mail c.gerrard@t-online.de for details.

■Enjoy the Wittlich October festival Sunday and Thursday through Nov. 11. The festival is located on Industriestrasse 3, near the Colosseum disco. Tables can be reserved at 06571-696-101. Entry is free weeknights; however, there is a 5 DM entry fee per person each Friday and Saturday night.

■Trier's annual All Saint's fair takes place Sunday, offering fun and rides in the center of town.

■See "The World of puppets" exhibition Nov. 12 through Dec. 3 in the Bitburg Buda House cultural center.

■The "Holiday on Ice: Colors of Dance" show takes place Nov. 15-19 in the Saarland hall. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Presse Center at 0651-14599-0.

■"Fury in the Slaughterhouse" appears on stage Nov. 17 in the Losheim-Eisenbahn hall and Nov. 19 at Kaiser-slatern-Kammgarn. For in-formation and tickets, call 0651-9941188.

■Barclay James Harvest & Guest" performs in the Saarburg city hall Dec. 1. Tickets are available at 0651-9941188.

■The Irish Dance Company, The New York Musical Theatre and The Sydney Tap Flames present, "Fire of Dance," Jan. 13, starring Ira Bernstein and Jennifer Curran, the River-dance 1999 soloist. Highlights from River-dance, Stomp, Grease, Lord of the Dance, Fame, Tap Dogs and a Chorus Line will be performed. Tickets are avail-able through

Crocodile Concerts at 0651-9941188 or 41253. More information about this event will be printed in a future issue of the Eifel Times.

■Plan to attend Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Picture Show Jan. 26 in the Trier Europa hall. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Presse Center at 0651-14599-0.

■Enjoy a concert by The Corrs Nov. 12 in the Frankfurt Festhalle. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Presse Center at 0651-14599-0.

■Listen to religious songs by numerous choirs from the entire region at 5 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Daun Thomas-Morus church.

■Listen to folk music by the Dubliners Nov. 30 in the Mannheim Rosengarten-Musen hall. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Presse Center at 0651-145990.

■See an exhibition of Christmas mansions Dec. 1-12 in the Alte Muehle or Old Mill of the Himmerod Abbey.

The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trip in October. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Kyll River fun kayak trip, Saturday, \$30 per person. Minimum age is 12 years old.

■English horseback riding, Sunday, \$25 per person. Minimum age is 12 years old if accompanied by adult.

■Amsterdam city bike tour and Kinderkijk hike, Nov. 10-12, \$165 per person. Minimum age is 14 years old if accompanied by an adult.

■Luxembourg cave expedition, Nov. 18-19, \$70 per person. Minimum age is 14 years old.

■Kaprun Austria Thanksgiving ski trip, Nov. 23-26, \$275 or \$250 with own skis, boots and poles. Minimum age is 14 years old.

Eifel sports world

Eifel Lanes

The base bowling center opens:

- 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday
- 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
- Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

Call 452-6217 for league or other bowling center information.

Eifel Mountain Golf

The annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament takes place Nov. 18. Cost is \$10 plus green fees. Call 452-6821 for details.

Run/Walk Race

The annual Turkey Trot 5-kilometer running and walking event takes place Nov. 17. Call 452-6634 for details.

Fitness center news

Spangdahlem

■ Kickboxing aerobics new evening hours are 5:30-6:30 each Monday and Wednesday. Morning classes continue to take place 6:30-7:30 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

■ Kuk Sool Won classes take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

■ Intramural volleyball games continue through Nov. 16. Call for game times.

■ Varsity basketball tryouts take place now throughout November. Call for times and dates.

■ Personal trainer sessions are available by appointment. Call Master Sgt. Andy Flores or Staff Sgt. Susan O'Donnel at the center for details.

■ Register with the workout partner program by filling out an application at the front desk.

■ Strength training class takes place at 9 a.m. Monday, step aerobics takes place 11 a.m. Tuesday and circuit training takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday. Cost is \$3 per class or \$25 monthly.

The center opens 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 452-6634 for more information.

Bitburg

■ Aerobics classes take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cost is \$3 per class or \$25 monthly.

The Bitburg fitness center opens 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during contingency appreciation days and holidays. It's closed Saturday and Sunday. Call 453-7710 for details.



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Jason Moss, Bitburg Barons No. 19, powers through the Aviano Saints defense in the fourth quarter of Saturday's Baron win at Bitburg High School.

Barons earn return shot at title

Bitburg team to battle Spartans for Division II championship

By Rik Carr

Bitburg High Barons coach

Bitburg found themselves in an unfamiliar predicament with only eight minutes remaining in the first divisional playoff game Saturday. They were losing by three points.

The undefeated Division II North champions struck twice in the final eight-minute span to beat the Aviano Saints 24-14 and advance to the championship game next weekend. It was the first time this season the Barons had to come from behind to win.

While it took a while for the offense to come around, steady defense denied a rushing score for the sixth consecutive game.

Jason Moss put the Barons on the board first on a 50-yard, nine-play drive that ended with an end-around sweep for a 1-yard touchdown. Point-after try holder Charlie Pierce alertly turned a bad snap on the ensuing PAT into a two-point conversion by tossing a strike to Josh Blake.

Aviano spoiled the Barons hope of taking an 8-0 lead into the half on a late second quarter TD and cutting the lead to one.

The Barons started the second half with an eight-play drive that stalled on the Saints 10-yard line. Nick Johnson nailed a 27-yard field goal. That score put the Barons up 11-7 going into the fourth quarter.

Aviano answered by putting together an 80-yard drive on three Baron penalties, each on a third and long. The Saints took advantage of the miscues and scored again on a 5-



Charlie Pierce, Bitburg Barons No. 16, tackles a Saints player heading toward the goal line in the third quarter.

yard TD pass.

The Saints resorted to an on-side kick following the score, a play Aviano had used with much success during the regular season. Anticipating the play, Bitburg put in their hands return team. Billy Freeland returned the poor kick 14 yards to the Saints 48-yard line. Ten plays later, Freeland drove into the end zone for the go-ahead score and an 18-14 Baron lead.

Bitburg's special teams and defense went to work, first pinning the Saints on their own 10-yard line on the ensuing kickoff. The defense then held Aviano to three and out.

With time dwindling, Moss, Pierce and Johnson keep to the ground game hoping to run out the clock. Instead, Johnson scored on a

1-yard quarterback sneak to put the game out of reach for the Saints and seal a return trip to the Division II Championship game.

The championship takes place at 1 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Bitburg High School field against rival Supreme Allied Powers Europe Spartans. The Barons (6-0) again face SHAPE (5-1). In the Division II conference championship game two weeks ago, Bitburg handed SHAPE its only loss of the season 21-6.

Unfortunately, Bitburg goes into the final game without offensive and defensive player Kenny Friend, a four-year player and senior. Friend broke his leg early in the first quarter while blocking on a pass play to Freeland. Senior Adam Pickett and junior Matt Holas replace the void left by Friend.